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1. The Jasenica factory at Smederevska Palanka is located on the right bank of the Jasenica River east of Smederevska Palanka and south of the Smederevska-Velika Plana road. There are some large Army barracks situated immediately north of the factory.*
2. Production at this factory includes:
 - a. Manufacture of chassis for streetcars and freight cars.
 - b. Construction of small railroad "dump cars" and railway cars for carrying timber.
 - c. Conversion of Dodge motor trucks into buses.
3. The factory has also since the end of the war been engaged in reconstructing and repairing railway trucks damaged during the war. Several hundred such trucks have been put back into commission.
4. The Yugoslav authorities are not satisfied with the output of this factory which, despite modern machinery and equipment, remains low (particularly on the construction side).
5. The factory comes under the Ministry of National Defense and its personnel are militarized. Workers including technicians number approximately 1,500. In addition, 600 German prisoners-of-war (all skilled workers) have been concentrated in the factory to increase production. These include many German engineers who have been working on the premises since 1945.

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* Comment: The location of the Jasenica factory has previously been given as Smederevo, whereas Smederevska Palanka is quoted as the site of the Blinda Factory. Clarification of this apparent confusion is being sought.

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